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JANUARY the second as a literary critic once aptly remarked is not an exhilarating date in any year. The want, the care, the sin, the civil slander and the spite, the old shapes of foul disease as well as the thousand wars of old, have been rung out, the love of truth and right, the nobler modes of life and the thousands years of peace have been rung in. The traditional champagne has been drunk and the traditional articles against celebrating New Year's Eve in Israel have been duly published. Then, on the morning after, when the pleasure speeding the old year and hailing the new has subsided, in a more sober move one takes a long look around and finds oneself faced with the same unsolved problems and burning questions that one had come to know so well in the days gone by.

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ANXIETY, fear and concern, however, are a matter of degree. They have ever been present in human history, and stories of the good old days, concocted by romantic historians, should be discounted with vigour, as all those who saw Rene Clair's last film "Les belles de la nuit" will have realised by now. Nor is there any reason to assume that a time will come when one will have to worry. The human condition being as it is, there it but little room nowadays for eschatological theories of salvation and redemption. This, as it now appears, has been understood, even in the most unexpected quarters: Mr. Ilya Ehrenburg, writing in the December issue of the Soviet literary monthly "Znamya," reminds his fellow writers that, after all, life has its sad sides, too, and that such Western men of letters as Proust and Joyce, Hemingway and Maurias are perhaps not as decadent as they were said to be hitherto.

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BUT even if one belongs to that large and growing majority who do not stop worrying, or to put it more scientifically: whose "Id" (as Freud would have said) has not altogether been reclaimed by the "Ego," there are a few rays of hope to be discerned on the political horizon. One should learn from the *savoir vivre* of the French who, with really serious trouble at hand, find after all, time to worry about such issues as the place of Latin in the systems of education or the reorganization of the Louvre, problems which apparently have caused as much, if not more excitement than the Presidential elections, or the forthcoming elections of a successor to M. Herriot as President of Parliament. And if one compares the state of the world on New Year's Eve 1953 with the conditions which prevailed one year ago, there appears to be some reason for modest optimism.

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EVERYONE, both in the East and the West, tried hard to put up a good show on New Year's Eve. Radio Moscow broadcasting in English expressed seasonal greetings on the occasion of Christmas, and President Eisenhower announced the return of two divisions from Korea. Mr. Charles Bohlen, the American Ambassador to the Soviet Union, arranged a party for American and Soviet children, and the Hungarian authorities at last permitted Miss Eva Novak, world swimming champion, to leave for Belgium in order to settle there and to marry. Mr. Churchill received the Soviet diplomatic envoy, Mr. Jacob Malik, at Chequers, and according to well-informed sources, the exceptionally warm winter weather in England was not the only matter discussed. Mr. Malik left for Moscow soon after. For the first time after an interval of five years, there seems to be some diplomatic activity behind the scenes.

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THESE changes may be deceptive, as early springs usually are, nor, as far as the professional worriers are concerned will they prevent the transference of external fears to the domestic scene: to such burning problems as the sale of pork, the rates of income tax, and others perhaps more personal if apparently inconsequential. For better or for worse, the New Year is in, and we have to take care to date our letters accordingly.

Jerusalem, January 2.

US Probers Leave To Interview Gouzenko

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — Senate investigators left for Canada today to interview Mr. Igor Gouzenko, former Soviet code clerk in Ottawa who tipped off Canadian authorities in 1945 about a Soviet espionage network.

Senator William Jenner, Republican, Chairman of the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee, and Senator Pat McCarran, Democrat, were travelling by train.

Mr. McCarran is the senior Democrat of the Sub-committee and its former chairman. The Canadian Government was reported to have asked that he take part in the questioning of Mr. Gouzenko.

The time and place of the interview are being kept secret, but the information about the meeting came from a reliable source who was unwilling to be identified.

17 DIE ON VISIT TO HIROHITO

TOKYO, Saturday. — Seventeen persons were trampled to death and more than 50 were injured today when thousands of Japanese besieged the Imperial Palace to pay their New Year respects to Emperor Hirohito.

Soviet Peace Bid May Dissolve Vietminh Drive

HANOI, Saturday. — Vietminh forces massed in northwestern Indo-China were held in check for the eighth straight day today amid mounting speculation that the winter "offensive" may dissolve into Soviet Premier Georgi Malenkov's "peace offensive."

French patrols tonight reported no contact for 24 hours.

Four days after a guerrilla-reinforced Vietminh division invaded Laos on December 22 and cut Indo-China in half, the Communists withdrew into the jungle. No major engagement has taken place since.

The Vietminh radio claimed yesterday that the Laos People's Liberation Army had liberated "a large area" stretching from the provincial capital of Thakhek (central Indo-China) to 120 kms. in the North and 60 kms. in the South since inflicting a "heavy defeat on the French colonialists in Thakhek during Christmas."

Tin Mines

The radio said that this area included the important tin mines run by the French n Phon Tigu and Boreng, north of Thakhek.

Vietminh radio also claimed today that 36 members of the 4th Company of the 27th European and African Battalion surrendered when attacked on December 29 by the "Laos People's Liberation Army" in jungles south on Thinnek, central Laos. The radio said that they included one lieutenant, one captain and 10 sergeants, but did not give their nationalities.

Meanwhile, a "Resistance Government" in the State of Laos has urged all people in the State, especially those living in the captured city of Thakhek on the Thailand border, to maintain good relations with the neighbouring Thai people, Peking's New China News Agency reported today.

In a communique issued on December 29, the "Resistance Government" said that the capture of Thakhek was a great political victory. It claimed the "annihilation" of 2,200 French Union troops and the capture of great numbers of light and heavy weapons and transport vehicles in operations leading to the capture of Thakhek.

(UP, Reuter)

India Queries Both Commands on PoW's

PANMUNJOM, Saturday (UP). — The Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission today asked the U.N. and Communist Commands for their official opinion regarding the release of unrepatriated war prisoners on January 23, as provided in the Armistice Agreement.

The Commission, at a special nine-minute meeting called by the Indian Command, approved the letter, which asked both Commands whether unrepatriated prisoners should become civilians on January 23, as provided in the Armistice Agreement, or remain in Indian custody after that date.

Informed sources said the letter pointed out that relatively few prisoners were interviewed during the 90-day explanations period, and that the political conference has failed to convene according to the Armistice Agreement time-table.

American PoW Returns From N. Korea Camp

PANMUNJOM, Saturday (Reuter). — An American prisoner of war, Cpl. C. J. Batchelor, who changed his mind and asked to go home, today told reporters later that the one Briton who has elected to stay with the Communists would not come back.

The American said that he himself would have left earlier but some of his comrades had knives and he feared for his life.

The Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission spokesman said tonight that the Indian Command would consider investigation of conditions in the North camp if the Allied Command protested that prisoners there were being prevented from seeking repatriation.

The Commission spokesman stated that the Indian Command had never searched for weapons. There had never been any necessity. Prisoners lived "very quietly," he added.

New Air Record For US Coast-to-Coast

NEW YORK, Saturday (Reuter). — Colonel Willard Millikan, 35-year-old American air ace flew an F-86 Sabre jet from coast to coast in the U.S. in approximately 4 hours and 3 minutes today, cutting about five minutes from a seven-year-old record.

Colonel Millikan took off from Los Angeles, California, and flashed over Brooklyn's Lloyd Bennet Airfield in the new record time.

The flight was completed despite a broken fuel indicator and a 45 minute refuelling stop at Oklahoma.

The old record was set up in 1946 by Colonel William Councill in a Shooting Star jet.

US Warily Welcomes Malenkov's Message

WASHINGTON, Saturday. — White House spokesman Henry Suydam said today that he "welcomed" Soviet Premier Malenkov's statement that no obstacles stand in the way of better Soviet-American relations. He suggested that Russia back up the words with actions.

"The U.S. and its friends will look forward with interest to the practical applications of these assertions."

In London, the Press said that Mr. Malenkov's message is "worth remarking" and offered a "modicum of hope."

The Conservative "Daily Telegraph" commented that even a temporary change of tactics "may produce temporary benefits" and added that there are "solid indications that there is at least a temporary wish to ease tension in Europe, if not elsewhere."

The Labour "Daily Herald" wrote that the message suggests "that Russia will make a campaign for banning the Atom and Hydrogen bombs a major part of her foreign policy in 1954."

French Press Cautious

The French Press cautiously welcomed the statement. "Everything is happening as if it were desired to create a favourable atmosphere before the Four-Power conference on January 25," the right-wing Radical "Aurore" commented. But it added: "Let us not exclude the possibility of a temptation offered to Washington to seek directly with Moscow a share-out of influence in the world."

Western observers in Moscow predicted that Russia will give major attention this year to trying to achieve prohibition of atomic weapons. They reached this verdict after reading the answers given by Premier Malenkov to Mr. Joseph Kingsbury Smith, European General Manager of the American International News Service.

The main question was, "What do you consider the most important step which could be taken in 1954 in the interests of world peace?"

The Soviet Prime Minister said, "Such a step would be an agreement between the powers and states under which they would pledge themselves to a solemn and unconditional obligation not to use Atomic, Hydrogen or any other weapons of mass destruction.

Rigid Control

"Such an agreement would render it easier to come to an understanding on the total prohibition of atomic weapons and the establishment of rigid international control to enforce the ban on the use of atomic energy for war purposes.

"At the same time, the Soviet Government believes it would be necessary to come to agreement on the substantial reduction of all other types of armaments as well as armed forces. All this would unquestionably curtail state expenditures for military needs and ease the economic position of the peoples."

The Soviet Premier also said that he saw no intrinsic reason why relations between the USSR and America should not be strengthened in 1954, and that there are "favourable possibilities" for ending world tension.

He added: "With all my heart I wish the American people happiness and a peaceful life. I wish them success in developing friendly relations with other nations and fruitful results in the matter of safeguarding peace against all attempts to infringe against it."

(UP, Reuter)

MOROCCAN TERROR

MARRAKESH, Saturday Reuter). — Moroccan terrorists set fire to a car, placed a detonator in another and stoned hikers at El Kelia des Shrarna near here today. There were no casualties.

West Begins to Plan For Big 4 Talks

BERLIN, Saturday (Reuter). — The Western Allies and West Berlin city authorities today began to plan for the Big Four conference of Foreign Ministers due to be held here in, three weeks' time in accordance with the agreement reached yesterday.

Britain, France and the U.S., in brief identical notes, yesterday accepted Russia's proposal that the conference should open on January 25. They also agreed to Moscow's suggestion that the four High Commissioners in Germany should first meet to decide on a site.

The talks are to come three days after a key date in Korea — January 22 — when more than 22,000 Communist prisoners and about 350 U.N. prisoners who have refused repatriation are due to be turned loose under the terms of the truce.

Talks on Site

The talks on a Berlin conference site are expected to begin next week between the three Western Commandants and their Soviet counterpart. It is believed that the Russians might propose holding sessions alternately in the Allied Control building in the U.S. sector and in the Soviet Embassy in East Berlin.

Meanwhile, Soviet High Commissioner Vladimir Semeonov has a new second deputy, Mr. E. P. Pitovranov, the East German news agency disclosed today. It gave his name and title among the Soviet officials who had attended East German President Wilhelm Pieck's New Year's reception in East Berlin.

Urges Representation

In a New Year's Eve broadcast Pieck said that people in both parts of Germany "jointly must demand a representation of the entir. German people at the conference of the four great powers." Speaking over the East German network, he expressed the wish that 1954 "may become a year of peaceful reunification of Germany and of securing peace in Europe."

Pieck accused West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer "and his clique" of trying to "embue Germany again with the spirit of revenge" and of trying to "plunge Germany into a catastrophe."

For the first time in several years, the Soviet High Commission representative in Berlin, Mr. Sergei Dengin, sent New Year's greetings yesterday to the Western City Commandants, a Western spokesman said

Leaders Decide to End French Postal Strike

PARIS, Saturday (Reuter). — Leaders of the striking postal sorting station workers in France decided in principle today to go back to work on Monday. The decision must be ratified by individual members of the unions.

The strike, in its 12th day, paralysed all mail over Christmas week. Hundreds of thousands of sacks of mail have been stored up along station platforms in Paris, and thousands of parcels of perishable goods have been ruined.

Ben Gurion Replies to Critics

Mr. David Ben Gurion replied in "Davar" on Friday to the critics of his view, recently restated in a letter to the Zionist General Council, that Zionism means immigration to Israel.

In the article he contested Mr. Itzhak Greenbaum's conclusion that Zionism would be liquidated if it entailed the duty of personal immigration and would be supplanted by the "Friends of Israel." Mr. Ben Gurion wrote that Mr. Greenbaum does not take the trouble to explain what the difference would be between Zionists released from the duty of immigration and the "Friends of Israel." He also charged that in making a distinction between Zionism and immigration Mr. Greenbaum has abandoned Herzl's basic tenet and has made a fetish of words. Mr. Ben Gurion then took to task Mr. Y. Hazan for saying "that the ultimate fate of a Zionist is immigration." Mr. Ben Gurion pointed out that many Jews have settled in this country, despite the fact that they have never called themselves Zionists. In fact, more Jews than Zionists have immigrated, he claimed.

Ridicules Statement

He ridiculed Mr. M. Grossman's statement that "in order to restore Zionism to its glory, it is necessary to make clear to the people, and particularly to the youth, that Zionism purified means that the majority of the people must be transplanted to the State." It would be naive to think, Mr. Ben Gurion said, that if an American Zionist leader, who for reasons of his own prefers to remain in America, were to tell Jewish youth that the bulk of Jews must live in Israel, that they would respond eagerly to pioneering and glory would then be restored to the Zionist movement.

Mr. Ben Gurion was particularly disappointed with the reaction of Dr. Nahum Goldmann, since he regards him as the leader of Diaspora Zionism. Dr. Goldmann, he declared, did not answer a question — he merely issued a rebuke. Mr. Ben Gurion agreed with Dr. Goldmann that American Jewry had passed the test in the recent political and economic crisis, a fact which he ascribed to the existence of the State of Israel. He repeated his question, however: what is the difference between a Jew who helps Israel and a Jew who calls himself a Zionist but does no more than an ordinary Jew.

Mr. Ben Gurion concluded that it is surprising and regrettable that the Zionist General Council has not given a simple, sincere and courageous reply to the question.

Will Not Come Unless "Forced"

TEL AVIV, Saturday (ITIM). — Criticism of the recent statement by Mr. Ben Gurion that Zionism meant immigration to Israel was voiced by Messrs. A. Redelheim and J. Toreszyner, Vice-Presidents of the Zionist Organization of America, at a public meeting at Z.O.A. House here last night.

Mr. Toreszyner said that except for very few pioneers and idealists, Jews had not come to Israel unless they were forced to do so. Since there was a good attitude towards Jews in the U.S., it was no wonder that emigration from there was slack. Should the economic situation in the U.S. deteriorate, immigration would increase, particularly of young persons, he asserted.

Israel to Buy 15,000 Tons of Soviet Coal

The Government has instructed Mr. Ze'ev Argaman, Counsellor to the Israel Legation in Moscow, to sign an agreement for the purchase of 15,000 tons of coal from the Soviet Union, it is learned in Jerusalem. This amount is Israel's normal consumption for six months.

First Russian Oil Arrives in T.A.

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The Italian tanker Sicanos is due here tonight with the first 10,000 tons of fuel oil purchased from the Soviet Union by the Delek Corporation and intended for the Palestine Electric Corporation. The arrival of the vessel may be delayed a few hours because of rough seas. She is due to discharge her cargo through the P.E.C.'s submarine pipeline direct into the Reading Power Station here.

The Sicanos was due here a week ago but was delayed for technical reasons at Novorossisk, the Soviet point of shipment.

Delek and P.E.C. cabled to the Israel Legation in Moscow on Thursday, empowering Mr. Z. Argaman, Counsellor to the Israel Legation in Moscow, to sign agreement on their behalf for the purchase of 100,000 tons of fuel oil. Israel had an option for this purchase which was due to expire on December 31, 1953. This fuel is also intended for the P.E.C. Another option for a further 100,000 tons held by Israel expires on March 31.

Talks Under Way

Negotiations are now in progress for the possible purchase of a quantity of crude oil for refining at Haifa. It is understood that the Soviet authorities may be prepared to de-salt this oil before shipment, to ease local refining.

The quantity of crude oil under discussion is not known, but it is learned that the citrus to be shipped to the Soviet Union is valued at some $750,000 more than the 200,000 tons of fuel oil, and this money may be utilized for the purchase of more fuel oil, crude oil or other goods offered.

The oil is purchased f.o.b. Novorossiak and shipped here by tankers chartered by Delek.

British Trade Body Leaving for USSR

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — A party of 40 British businessmen, due to leave for Moscow in the next few days, may start off a new boom in East-West trade. The businessmen are going with the blessings of the Foreign Office and the Board of Trade.

Heavy and light engineering firms are represented in the entirely private party. They have refused to disclose details of what they are trying to sell and what terms they want.

This "New Year Trade Mission" seems to be the first attempt to follow up a recent declaration by the Federation of British Industries calling for more trade with Russia, China and the Eastern Bloc nations.

"More trade with the East" appears to have been adopted by British businessmen as one of their New Year's resolutions.

Trade with the nations now comprising the Soviet Bloc was about 6% of Britain's total trade before the war, according to official figures. Since the war it has been about 2%.

Libya Spurns French Aid for Bases Offer

BENGHAZI, Saturday (Reuter). — Libya has refused a French offer of financial help in exchange for the establishment of French military bases in Fezzan and air bases in Tripoli, an official spokesman said here today.

It is believed that Libya will ask France to evacuate her present bases in Fezzan and to suspend the grant she has been making to Libya since the North African kingdom became independent in 1951.

It is understood that the Arab League has advised Libya against signing a treaty with France similar to the recent British treaty, which allowed British troops to be stationed in Libya in exchange for an annual grant of £4m.

No Strings Attached To US Help to Pakistan

CALCUTTA, Saturday (Reuter). — Premier Mohammad Ali of Pakistan said here today that there would be no conditions attached to any aid, military or otherwise, by the U.S. to Pakistan.

Mr. Ali, on his way to Dacca, told reporters at Dum Dum airport that talks between the two countries are still informal and no final decision has as yet been taken. "There is no question of any commitment with America other than that we will defend our region," he added.

He was referring to a statement by Indian Premier Jawaharlal Nehru, that military aid from the U.S. would mean an extension of the cold war to Pakistan, and therefore to the borders of India.

Iranian Troops Quell Anti-Gov't Student Parade

TEHERAN, Saturday (Reuter). — The military governor here today sent two truckloads of troops to Tehran University to quell students demonstrating against the return of British diplomats after the resumption of Anglo-Persian relations.

The demonstrators rampaged through the University, forcing students to wear black armbands and other mourning as a sign of resentment.

Opponents of Prime Minister Fazlollah Zahedi called on the people a month ago to wear signs of mourning as a protest, but today's outbreak is the first response.

Troops and police arrested several students and broke up the demonstration without bloodshed or shooting.

Anti-British leaflets published by the pan-Iranian Party — whose leader, Daryoush Forokhar, was arrested today — were distributed among the students. They said: "Britons — get out of our country — we never forget cruelty and robbery."

Grouping Around Tudeh

Authorities here believe that today's University outbreak is a sign that Government opponents of all colours are grouping around the outlawed Tudeh Party in the first serious resistance since Dr. Mohammed Mossadegh was overthrown. They think that it is timed to influence elections, due in the next two weeks.

Later today, police arrested several youths for distributing pamphlets calling on the population to celebrate tomorrow as a day of mourning for the imprisonment of Dr. Mohammed Mossadegh.

The pamphlets, discovered by the police in the streets, schools and University, declared, "long live the lion (Mossadegh) in prison. Down with the enemies of Mossadegh."

They charged Zahedi with forming a Majlis (Lower House of Parliament) with the help of Britain and the U.S. which was not representative of the people.

The pamphlets appealed to the bazaar area and Teheran university to aid the fight against General Zahedi's Cabinet.

LEAP FROM WINDOW

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — Beirut Radio reported that Sayed Karim Sherazi, a spokesman of the Persian National Front Movement, was seriously injured when he jumped from the second floor of a court building in Teheran. It said that Shirazi made his suicide bid this morning after being questioned by the Attorney-General of the present military regime, Gen. Azmodeh.

Sherazi, who is a friend of the former Persian Foreign Minister Hussein Fatemi, was taken to a military hospital. Fatemi is now being sought by agents of General Zahedi's Government, which has ruled Persia since the overthrow of Mossadegh.

New Law Grants Gaza More Self Government

CAIRO, Saturday (Reuter). — President Mohammed Naguib today promulgated a new basic law for Gaza in southern Palestine, giving the local inhabitants and Arab refugees a greater measure of self-government under overall Egyptian military rule.

The Gaza area was occupied by Egyptian armed forces during the Palestine War in 1948. Its population, entirely Arab, is now estimated at 280,000 of whom 200,000 were refugees from the Palestine War.

The new Egyptian Governor of the Gaza area, Brigadier Abdullah Rifaat, who made the law public here tonight, told reporters: "Egypt has no ambitions in this area.

"Egyptian forces were invited by the inhabitants to enter the area upon the termination of the British Mandate to save them and maintain the Arab character of the area until such time as it was handed over to its people after the settlement of the Palestine question," he said.

The aim of the new basic law was to raise living standards of the people in the Gaza area while at the same time safeguarding their security, the Governor declared.

Provides for Freedoms

The new law guarantees freedom of religion, residence, and association.

It defines the position of the Governor, who is appointed by the President, and comes under the authority of the Egyptian Ministry of War. The Governor is assisted by an Executive of 6 appointed by the Minister of War.

A Legislative Council is also set up, presided over by the Governor and including members of the Executive Council. Eight members are elected by local municipalities, and six members representing the professions are appointed by the Executive Council.

The Legislative Council approves laws which must be ratified by the Governor.

Judges are said to be independent under the law.

A High Court is set up whose President is appointed by Egypt's President and its members by decree of the Minister of War.

Armed forces in the area continue to come under the jurisdiction of the Commander-in-Chief of the Egypt Armed Force.

The Governor said tonight the Gaza area had a basic law of its own under the British Mandate, but this law did not suit the present state of affairs.

'Farouk Declared War on Israel'

CAIRO, Saturday (Reuter). — Makram e-Beid, former Secretary-General of the once-powerful Wafd Party, told the Revolution Tribunal here today that "... was ex-King Farouk who declared war on Israel and sent the Egyptian armed forces into Palestine."

He was giving evidence for the prosecution in the trial of Fuad Sarag e-Din, one time Minister and former Secretary-General of the now dissolved Wafd Party, on charges of corruption and abuse of power.

This allegation was made by the late Prime Minister Mahmoud Nokrashy, who headed the Government when the Arab-Israel war broke out in 1948.

E-Beid said that Nokrashy, who was assassinated in December, 1948, had told him that he was "personally helpless."

E-Beid added that the Wafd "covered up Farouk's misdeeds in order to remain in power," and referred to "a certain prominent lady responsible for the Wafd's corruption." He accused her of telling Wafdist leaders that "they were fools to enter power rich and come out poor."

E-Beid, who at an earlier hearing referred to a "mystery woman" in the Wafd Party, later named her as Mme. Zeinab Wakil, wife of former Prime Minister Mustapha Nahas, both of whom are under house arrest. No specific charges have been made against them.

E-Beid alleged that Mme. Wakil and her brother Ahmed Wakil, a former Minister of Communications, once smuggled diamonds and goods into Palestine which they sold for LE. 70,000.

Argentina Permits For Israel Imports

BUENOS AIRES, Saturday (UP). — The Argentine Government resolved yesterday to grant exchange permits for the importation of articles from Israel. The permits will be good for the official and the free markets.

For the official market they will be permitted for the importation of machine tools, surgical instruments, medical equipment for use in laboratories and clinics, rhyzomes and seeds, fertilizers and goods for the protection of animals and vegetables, and drugs.

Permits for the free market will be granted for the importation of essences and aromatic products, leaves, barks of trees, peels and shells, roots, rhyzomes and seeds.

Britain's Attention Divided Between Egypt, Pakistan, Burma

By GEORGE LICHTHEIM Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON, Saturday. — Whitehall's attention momentarily is divided almost equally now between Egypt, Pakistan, and Burma. The projected defence pact between the U.S. and Pakistan, and the Burmese Government's sudden decision not to renew its defence agreement with Britain, have combined to cast an additional shadow over the Egyptian scene.

The Burmese development, though the least important of the three, is regarded as significant because of its suddenness. The present agreement expires on Monday, and until quite recently the chances of renewal were regarded as fairly good. During the past fortnight, however, Burmese official opinon seems to have hardened against any military agreement with Britain, a change which has caused some dismay here.

Under the present arrangement, which was first made in 1945 and then renewed, Britain is the only power to have a military mission in Burma. Conceivably, this exclusiveness is disliked in Rangoon, but there may be other factors.

Against Pakistan Bases

In the circumstances, there is a certain piquancy in the remarks attributed to Mr. Aneurin Bevan at his Cairo Press conference, where he is reported to have inveighed against the proposed defence pact between the U.S. and Pakistan on the grounds that it is wrong for a great power to press military assistance upon a poor country as a condition for economic help.

This is not the only sign that Mr. Bevan is somewhat closer to the dominant British attitude than the Egyptians may have assumed from reading the garbled and misleading articles published by President Nagib's newspaper. His remarks on the need for an Anglo-Egyptian agreement seem to have shocked some Egyptian nationalists, but they have not caused much surprise here, except in quarters where he is still treated as a bogeyman.

There is, in fact, an impression that his present journey is part of a well-considered move to establish himself as a potential Foreign Secretary in the next Labour Government, and it is even hinted that a tacit understanding to this effect exists between him and Mr. Clement Attlee, the Labour Party leader. So far, his latest public remarks have gone without comment, but they were reported adequately in "The Times."

Bevan Arrives In Jordan

Mr. Aneurin Bevan, the British left-wing Labour Party leader, and his wife Jenny Lee, arrived in Amman from Egypt yesterday noon. They are to stay in Jordan for two days as guests of the British Minister.

Today, the Bevans are to be the guests of King Hussein at a luncheon party, and tomorrow, they are to cross into Israel at Mandelbaum Gate. They will remain in Israel until January 13 as guests of the Government.

In Cairo on Friday, Mr. Bevan said that he was "hopeful of an Anglo-Egyptian agreement" on the future of the Suez Canal Zone base.

"The main difficulty consists in presenting an agreement which is sufficiently psychologically attractive to both nations," he stated.

Mr. Bevan added, "I have seen and heard nothing which changes the conclusions I had formed in London. I believe in military bases, provided that the country in which the bases are established is agreeable.

"The West is as much entitled to have military arrangements as the Soviet Union with her border states," he declared.

Mr. Bevan stated that nothing stood in the way of a major evacuation of British troops from the Canal Zone.

Mr. Bevan, who on Thursday night startled reporters by saying that there had been no revolution in Egypt and that the Egyptian Government had no programme of its own, said on Friday that Egypt should devote her energies to raising her living standards.

The Bevans were guests of honour at a dinner on Friday night given by Egyptian Foreign Minister Dr. Mahmoud Fawzi.

PAKISTAN MINISTER IN JORDAN

Sir Zafrulla Khan, Pakistan Foreign Minister, arrived in Amman yesterday from Damascus, MENAIS reported. Last night he was entertained at a banquet by Dr. Hussein.

New Sudan Opens First Elected Parliament

KHARTOUM, Saturday (Reuter). — Sir Robert Howe, Governor-General of the Sudan, yesterday inaugurated the country's first elected Parliament and declared that self-determination for the Sudan would be valueless conducted in an atmosphere of freedom and neutrality.

"It will be the duty of the Council of Ministers to formulate policy and exercise the executive and administrative functions of the Government. But the Council is answerable to Parliament for all its acts, and it is you, therefore, who will carry the ultimate responsibility for promoting the interests of all the peoples of the Sudan," the Governor-General told the recently elected Members of Parliament.

The House of Representatives is expected to elect the first Sudanese Prime Minister on Monday, and a few days are then likely to elapse before the Prime Minister appoints Ministers.

SENIOR OFFICIALS MEET ON STRIKE

Following a meeting between the Executive Council of the Civil Servants' Senior Division and a Ministerial Committee last night, a general meeting of all officials in Government service in grades one to five has been called for today at 5 p.m. at Schmidt's College. The meeting is expected to hear the Government's proposals and to decide on the three-day strike planned to begin tomorrow.

It is believed that the Cabinet will discuss the problem at its meeting today.

(Reuter, — P. C.)

Either Army for Dual Franco-Italian Rights

ROME, Saturday (UP). — France and Italy have signed a new convention giving citizens with dual French-Italian nationality the choice of doing their compulsory military service in either the French or the Italian armed forces, it was disclosed today.

Brandy is not French

Four centuries ago a Dutchman who observed French farmers at the town of Cognac how to distill their wine — called it Brandu-wijn (i.e. Burnt Wine). Thence the word — Brandy.

Richon Extra Fine Brandy — is also a "burnt wine" — made of choicest grapes skillfully distilled, carefully bottled at the old cellars of Richon Le-Zion and Zichron Ya'acov. A heart-warming, body-invigorating drink for this cold winter.

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Social & Personal

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Chairman of the Jewish Agency and Dr. Giora Josephthal, Agency Treasurer, were the dinner guests on Thursday of Mr. Levi Eshkol, Minister of Finance, in Jerusalem. On Friday, Mr. Eshkol received Mr. Barnet Janner, M.P. and President of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland. A reception for Dr. Israel Goldstein, President of the American Jewish Congress and M. M. Jazhlum, President of the French Federation of Zionists was given on Friday by the Minister of Finance and Mrs. Eshkol.

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A reception in honour of Mr. Edward Gelber, President of the Zionist Organization in Canada, on the occasion of his 50th birthday, was held under the auspices of Keren Hayesod in Bet Shalom, Jerusalem, last week.

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Rabbi Dr. A. Munk, member of the World Aguda Executive, has arrived from London.

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Mrs. Vardina Shlonsky, composer and pianist, has joined the faculty of The New Jerusalem Conservatoire and Academy of Music.

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Mr. M. Ettinger, President of the Rotary Club, Haifa, has returned with Mrs. Ettinger and their daughter, from a visit to the Argentine.

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Mr. Maurice A. Jaffe, Director, Department of External Relations, World Mizrahi Organization, is expected back from England this Tuesday.

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Professor Fritz Feigl, of the University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, is to deliver a guest lecture on "New Methods of Spot-Analysis," with demonstrations, under the auspices of the Hebrew University at 8.30 this evening at the Faculty of Science (Physics Hall No. 1), Mamilla Road, Jerusalem (not, as previously indicated, at the Terra Sancta College). The public is invited.

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Professor A. Lerner will lecture, in English, on "Inflation and Deflation", at 8.30 this evening, January 3, at the Technion, Haifa, Hall No. 12, under the auspices of the Economic and Statistical Society.

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The 18th Annual Conference of the Israel Opticians' Association will be held in the Commercial Club Hall, 17a Rehov Nahmani, Tel Aviv, at 9 a.m. tomorrow.

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BIRTH

HAFTEL. — To Chaya, wife of Mr. H. Haftel, on December 30, 1953, at the Beilinson Hospital, Petah Tikva, — a daughter, Dahlia, sister to Mira.

CORK FACTORY BURNED

RAMAT GAN, Saturday. — Damage estimated at IL.16,000 was sustained by the firm of Davidson and Co. when their Sha'amon cork factory was partially destroyed by fire early on Friday morning. The fire brigade worked for seven hours to control the blaze, the cause of which has not yet been established.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

★ Lecture :—
Mr. A. Sherman: The Absorption and Fusion of Immigrants; Beeri Club; 8.30 p.m.

★ Archeology: —
Permanent exhibition incl. maps & finds of the late Col. P.L.O. Guy excavations. Dept. of Antiquities, 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Daily 9-1, 4-6.

★ Exhibition: —
Paintings by Ruth Arion and and Ayi Gali. Artists' House, 10-1, 4-6.

★ Tours: —
Hebrew University conducted tour, new administration building. King George Ave. opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

TEL AVIV

★ Exhibition: —
"Leonardo the Artist and Man of Science": photographs and reproductions. "Illustrated Manuscripts." Sketches by Leopold Krakauer. Municipal Museum. 10-1, 4-7 p.m.

★ Theatre: —
"Nasr-A-Din" Chamber Theatre, Mograbi, 8 p.m.

HAIFA

★ Exhibitions: —
Opening Exhibition of Aquarels of six Israeli painters from the Tractyn collection, also exhibition of Modern Jewellery by J. Bester, also "Tractyn" Art Gallery, 4 Rehov Baerwald, opp. Dan Hotel, 6 p.m.
Paintings by: Picasso, Braque, Modigliani, at the "Fifty Years of French Painting" exhibition —Municipal Museum of Modern Art—Town Hall—10-1, 4-9; conducted tours by Dr. Lachmann: 4.30 and 6.

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★ Theatre: —
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VISITORS' GALLERY

Rio Chemist

Dr. Fritz Feigl, one of the world's outstanding chemists who is now visiting Israel, has taken to this rather bewildering country with ease. This is his first trip to Israel, but he has spent the last 13 years of his life in another pioneering community — Brazil — and is accustomed to the tempo of new countries. In fact, Dr. Feigl, who is a leader of Rio's growing Jewish community and President of the Friends of the Hebrew University there, has had a great deal to do with maintaining the pace of Brazil's growth.

The reason, strangely enough, was a chemical process he first evolved as a student some three decades and more ago. When Dr. Feigl was a student in Vienna after World War I, his professor in analytical chemistry, the famous Wilhelm Schlenk, assigned to the young student a problem dealing with phosphates. But Dr. Feigl's probing mind found the problem dull and he suggested to his professor the idea of studying the chemical reactions now known as spot tests, a field until then little explored. The result was a doctorate thesis and a new method of chemical analysis.

It did not take long before his technique of analysis aroused worldwide interest, and Dr. Feigl became known as a pioneer in the use of organic reagents for the solution of analytical problems. In due course, he became a professor in analytical chemistry in Vienna, but the *Anschluss* ended his career there and he became director of a noted Belgian research organization in Ghent.

Dr. Fritz Feigl

While there, he solved a problem given him by the British, Belgian and French General Staffs—to develop an absorbent for use in military gasmasks as protection against arsene—a task which endangered his life. When Belgium was conquered, Dr. Feigl was interned in France but when the Germans discovered notes of thanks from the Allied Governments for his gasmask research, they set out to punish him. With the aid of Free French officers and the Brazilian Ambassador to Vichy, he was able to escape and, eventually make his way to Rio.

There his famous spot test methods of chemical analysis were put to the test almost immediately. Little equipment was required to operate the tests, and this was of great value to scientific expeditions in the Brazilian jungles. Through his tests wide deposits of manganese, molybdenum, tungsten and uranium have been charted in Brazil.

His mind is as probing as when he was a student, and Dr. Feigl has gone on to many other chemical problems. He developed, for example, a new and cheap method to extract caffeine from coffee unsuitable as a beverage.

Professor Feigl has many scientific publications to his credit. He is accompanied here by Mrs. Feigl and their son, both of whom are also chemists. *J.P.*

U.S. Bans Rumanian Legation Bulletin

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — The State Department has ordered the Rumanian Legation to cease publishing and distributing the "Rumanian News," a Legation periodical, within the U.S.

The Department also ordered the Legation to end the distribution of other similar pamphlets published at the expense of the Communist Government of Rumania or its organs.

In a note delivered to the Legation yesterday, the Department said that its order was the result of the Rumanian Government's ban on the distribution of the publication "News from America" issued by the American Legation in Bucharest.

Duff Cooper Dead

MADRID, Saturday (Reuter). — Soldier, statesman and author, Lord Norwich, (formerly Sir Alfred Duff Cooper) died suddenly yesterday aboard the French steamer Colombine before the ship entered the Spanish port of Vigo.

Lord Norwich, who was 63, was on his way to the West Indies on a holiday cruise.

A man of great international knowledge and wide culture, he was created first Viscount Norwich in 1952.

Secretary of State for War from 1935 to 1937, Lord Norwich then became First Lord of the Admiralty. He resigned in protest against the Munich Pact. He returned as Minister of Information from 1940 to 1941.

He was knighted in 1948, after serving for the last few years of the war and the early post war period as Ambassador to France.

Only two months ago, he published his autobiography under the title of "Old Men Forget."

Alfred Duff Cooper was born on February 22, 1890, only son of the late Sir Alfred Cooper and Lady Agnes Duff, sister of the first Duke of Fife. In 1919 he married Lady Diana Manners, actress and famous beauty.

Duff Cooper was the only Cabinet Minister to resign in protest against Neville Chamberlain's pact with Hitler at Munich. He ended his speech of resignation: "I have ruined, perhaps, my political career. But that is a little matter. I have regained something which is to me of greater value — I can still walk about the world with my head erect."

Lord Norwich was a prose writer of recognized distinction. He first made his mark in the world of letters with biographies of Talleyrand. He also wrote a sensitive biography of David. His novel, "Operation Heartbreak", in 1950, was based closely on the successes of the British Intelligence Service — by the deliberate planting of false documents on the enemy.

Lord Norwich's first speech in the House of Lords a year ago was a bitter denunciation of the policy of rearming the Germans, who, he said, were "more aggressive than ever. I am reluctant to believe," he said "that we can rely on this reunited, rearmed all-powerful Germany being our ally in the next war any more than she was in the last."

DISINHERITED FOR MARRYING JEW

PITTSBURGH, Saturday (UP). —Mrs. Margaret Brill Gomberg, disinherited by her father because she married a Jewish musician, has settled out of court for $12,500 from his $312,400 estate.

The agreement ended a non-jury trial in which Mrs. Gomberg sought to break the will of her father, Alfred P. Brill, former President of the Ruud Manufacturing Co., who died in 1951.

Mrs. Gomberg claimed that her father was mentally unsound in 1946, when he drew up his final will disinheriting her because she had married Harold Gomberg, a member of the New York Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra.

Cuban Diplomat Dismissed For Smuggling Money

HAVANA, Saturday (UP). — President Batista has dismissed Sr. Luis F. Almagro, Cuban Minister to Egypt, Syria and the Lebanon.

On Wednesday Sr. Almagro was detained at Cairo airport by customs officials who found several thousand dollars worth of jewels and Egyptian and American currency in his luggage.

According to the customs officials, Sr. Magro has for some time been under suspicion of smuggling money out of Egypt under cover of diplomatic immunity.

Old Names for New

Historical names have been bestowed by the Government Names Committee on Local Rural Councils in the Jerusalem area. The name of the Hebron Hills Local Council has been changed to Ha-Elah Local Council. The name is taken from the Book of Samuel: "And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together and pitched in the Vale of Elah." The jurisdiction of the Local Council includes the entire historical valley as well as the settlements of Azur, Netiv Ha-lamed-Heh, Mata, Nes Harim and Mevo Beitar.

Gisoh is the name to be given to a new Local Council along the Jerusalem-Ramle road. The settlements of Tzur, Harel Kefar-Tal Shahar, Bekna and Nahshon will come under this Council. The name is derived from the list of David's "mighty men of valour." Mention is made in the list (First Chronicles, Chapter 11, v. 36) of "the sons of Hashem the Gizonite." It is commonly assumed that Gizonite refers to a place named Gisoh, as Shilonite is derived from Shiloh. Gisoh is identified with the village of Beit Jiz or Giz near Harel.

Burial Societies To Set Up Association

Burial services are a purely religious matter and should be arranged on a nation-wide association of all Burial Societies, it was decided at the meeting of *Hevra Kadisha* representatives held last week in the office of the Ministry of Religious Affairs in Jerusalem.

It was also decided to ask the Ministry to arrange for the burial of paupers at its expense. The meeting ended with the election of a temporary committee to make all necessary arrangements for setting up a national association.

Press Review :

Agency Turns to Farming: 'Favours Old Settlers'

Surveying the decisions of the Zionist General Council's session which has just ended in Jerusalem, "Davar" (Histadrut) stresses the resolutions on international affairs and holds that allocating more than half the Jewish Agency's budget to agricultural settlement shows that the Agency's work has shifted towards this direction. The paper regrets that some political parties are not yet ready to agree to far-reaching reorganisation of the Zionist Movement. Again writing in "Davar," Mr. Ben Gurion replies to his critics, defending his letter to the Zionist Council and emphasising the indissoluble bond between Zionism and immigration and the duty of every Zionist to come to this country.

"Ha'aretz" (Independent) complains that the new agricultural settlements are discriminated against by the Jewish Agency in the field of credits, pointing out that this alleged policy may discourage new settlers and have a detrimental influence generally. The older settlements reportedly received credits at very favourable rates while the Agency now inserts changes in agreements with new settlements, claiming a 50% "addition of value" in connection with the repayment of credits extended during 1949-51. The paper notes that the Agency has no legal right to make such changes in agreements with older settlements, thus leaving the never ones to bear the burden by themselves.

Country Is Blind

"Zmanim" (Progressive) claims that no one really knows what is happening in the Coalition talks. The country is facing important problems and may be called upon to decide even more burning issues soon. The paper therefore asks for public pressure to bring the talks to a speedy conclusion.

"Haboker" (General Zionist) asserts that the Press has recently published vastly exaggerated reports about alleged differences of opinion between Mapai and the General Zionists. It should be stated, the paper says, that the recent decision to increase the price of some public services by 20-30% has been accepted against the advice of the General Zionists and is likely to have an unfavourable impact on the coalition talks.

"Soviet Peace Policy"

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) deals with international politics on the eve of 1954, stressing "Soviet peace policy" which has "compelled even the US to move in that direction." The paper demands that Israel should join the forces which are protesting against the armament of Western Germany and should follow an independent line in foreign policy by supporting the forces of peace, thus counteracting imperialist intrigues.

"Hatzofe" (World Mizrahi Union) attacks the 'holy hooligans' who once more displayed their shameful tactics at the funeral of Rabbi Desler.

Several papers, i.e. "Omer" (Histadrut), "Davar" and "Herut" publish articles condemning the celebration of New Year's Eve in Israel while "Kol Ha'am" (Communist) says that the resolution of protest (adopted by the Zionist General Council) against the arrest of Zionist leaders in some Iron Curtain countries is a "provocation against the people of Israel." The editorial column ends with the words: "Every patriot, every partisan of peace and independence will denounce the resolutions of the Zionist Executive against the arrest of Zionist in Eastern Europe."

Sports Briefs From U.S.

By a Special Correspondent

Phil Fox, who conducts sports activities for the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, has applied for a coaching position with the U.S. Committee for Sports in Israel and hopes to come to Tel Aviv before the Winter months set in. Fox, in addition to being a National Basketball Association referee, is a talented soccer arbiter who works many international booting games.

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Abe Stark, who was recently elected President of the City Council of Greater New York, is a charter member of the U.S. Committee for Sports in Israel. This civil service position ranks second to the post of Mayor of New York City.

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Official scorers at the Big Seven Conference basketball games in the mid-West are going to be outfitted in red this year. The league will furnish the red jackets. It is believed they will be more readily distinguished by the basketball referees — and for no other reason.

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Henry H. Laskau, winner of the walking event at the recent Maccabiah, won the 43rd annual City Hall to Coney Island handicap walking race in fast time. This race takes all contestants through the streets of New York City. Laskau is also the National A.A.U. one-mile, 3,000 and 10,000 metre walking champion.

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Al "Flip" Rosen, hard-hitting third-baseman of the Cleveland Indians, who was named the Most Valuable Player in the American League on a unanimous vote, will engage in a cross-country speaking tour for the National Conference of Christians and Jews in February, during "Brotherhood Week."

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Norman Mosberg, nephew of Coach Sam Mosberg, of the American boxing team at the Maccabiah, didn't get time off from the Army in Frankfurt to make the Games, but he did get a pass to come back to the States to marry Miss Libby Joan Fein. They are currently honeymooning in Germany.

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The lineup of the Hakoah Soccer Club, once an All-Jewish eleven, looks like an international team these days. The Jewish lads on the team are Rolf Decker and Felix Goldstein, who represented the U.S. soccer team at the Maccabiah.

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Herb Isaacson, 21-year-old left-handed pitcher from Brooklyn College, has signed a professional baseball contract with the Detroit Tigers of the American Baseball League. Herb will report to the Detroit's Spring training Camp in February.

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Notices to the Public

Correction

The Tender of the Director of Customs and Excise inviting offers for the export of 3404 watches, inserted in our issue of December 31, 1953, should read Tender No. 3 and NOT Tender No. 1 as published.

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Religious Services

JERUSALEM

St. Paul's Church, (Musrara Qr.): E.S., 6.30 p.m. H.C., 7.30 p.m. Preacher, Canon H.R.A. Jones

St. Andrew's Church (Scots Memorial): M.S. 10 a.m. Rev. J.G.L. Christie. M.C. M.O.A. Vesper service united with Y.M.C.A. at 6 p.m.

Zion Christian Mission (Prophets St., near Rav Kook St.): Rev. Nils Folke Sunday, Combined Service at Y.M.C.A. 7.30 p.m.

Combined Evangelical Services (Y.M.C.A. Lecture Hall); 7.30 p.m. All Welcome.

Catholic: 6 a.m. (German Hospice Chapel); Languages: German, Italian, English, French. 7 a.m. Terra Sancta Chapel: Languages: English, French, German, Italian. St. Pierre de Sion (Ratisbonne): Languages: French, Arabic, English, German, Hungarian, Hebrew, Portuguese: 8 a.m. Jesuits Chapel (near King David Hotel): Languages: French, Polish, English, Italian, German; 9 a.m., St. Pierre de Sion. 10 a.m. Terra Sancta College.

Notre Dame de France (St. Paul's St.): M.S. 7.30 a.m. Languages: French, English, German, Italian.

American Gospel Church (Prophets St. near Bikur Holim): Morning Worship, 11 a.m., Mid-week Prayers; Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. Minister M.G. Griebenow.

Bible Evangelistic Mission Assembly of God, Mamilla Road, Corner King George: Sunday, 11 a.m. & 7.30 p.m. Wednesday & Friday, 7.30 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. & 7.30 p.m. (Rev. J.W. Foster).

Y.M.C.A. Christian Fellowship Vesper Service, 6 p.m. All welcome. Brethren (Y.M.C.A., Room 116): Breaking of Bread, 5 p.m.

Church of the Nazarene (St. Julian's Way): E.S. 7.30 p.m.

Hebrew Evangelization Soc. Mission, (Musrara 30/13): 7 p.m. Hebrew: 8 p.m. English, German. Thursday: 7.30 p.m. English, German.

Jerusalem Baptist Congregation: Opp. Gan Rehavia, Wednesday: Bible reading & Prayer, 8 p.m. Friday: E.S. 6 p.m. Saturday: Bible Study 10 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventists Congregation in Israel (Rehov Abraham Lincoln): Friday: Bible Study and Prayer, 6 p.m. Saturday: M.W. 9 a.m.: Lecture Service in French, German, Bulgarian with translation in English.

Jehovah's Witnesses. 12/4 Moria St. Baka's: Tuesday: 6.30 p.m.; Saturday: Bible Study, 5.30 p.m.

TEL AVIV & JAFFA

Anglican Church (Episcopal) in the Church of the former German Colony (off 19 Elat St.): H.C. 7.30 a.m. M.P., 10 a.m. E.S. 7 p.m. Preacher Rev. R.G. Allison, P.O.B.3772.

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THE WEEK AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE

New Highs in Many Groups

TEL AVIV. — This was a very active week with turnovers and prices reaching in certain groups new highs. Most conspicuous was the demand for Tavel Dollar which was greatly helped by the declaration of the IL.1.800 rate to be applied generally. Prices advanced by some 75 pruta, reaching a new peak of IL.1.870 cum coupon and IL.1.825 ex-coupon, but later reacted, closing on Thursday at IL.1.825 and IL.1.818 respectively. While at the beginning of the week only a small number of favourites were sought, later on a longer list of securities with "substance value" found a good market.

Main changes during the week included a 20 points rise in Potash Preference shares, which closed on Thursday at 351%. Palestine Electric, London Register, touched 433% during the week but reacted to 423%; the Israel Register improved on balance by 18 points to 365%. Jerusalem Electric were 10 points higher at 245%. Ata and Kurdaneh shares, which had lost some ground after the bonus distribution, improved during the week by some 7 points, reaching 188 3/4% and 182% respectively.

There was a brisk demand for cement-linked Nesher debentures; the "A" denomination improved by 6 points to 111%, and "B" by 8½ points to 128½%. It will be recalled that an increase in the price of cement is being considered and a dispute about payment of excise duty is awaiting decision. P. L. D. C. shares, Makoroth Preference, Pal. Cold Storage debentures, and a number of others also improved.

The year 1953 brought to the stock exchange a favourable development in all respects. The turnover increased, a number of new securities were added, and the value of securities linked with either foreign exchange or "substance value" kept pace more or less with the development of the country, thus encouraging investment through the channels of the stock exchange. The Tel Aviv Clearing House changed its name to "Tel Aviv Stock Exchange," thereby providing the institution with organisational facilities which are intended to help it to become an important avenue for productive investment on the lines of similar institutions abroad.

Among the most active stocks were Tavel Dollar, which on December 31, 1953 stood at about IL.0.740 and advanced during the year by some 600 pruta; Palestine Electric, which last year were at around 350%, increased by 215 points for the Israel Register and by 275 points for the London Register. Jerusalem Electric increased from 137% last year by some 108 points. Potash Pref., which increased from 135% by some 200 points, and the ord.shs., which stood at approx. 100%, increased by some 80 points.

Among other considerable increases during the year, Ata and Kurdaneh shares and Nesher debentures should be mentioned. In a number of companies revaluation of assets took place, and shareholders participated in this process by receiving bonus shares. On the other hand, P.L.D.C. and Africa-Pal. Investment shares lost some ground during the year, and a number of other securities, especially fixed interest debentures and bonds, remained practically unchanged.

Generally speaking, an investor with a mixed bag of securities can look back at the year with satisfaction.

LONDON.—Gold and uranium shares were in the centre of interest, and generally a firm tone prevailed. Reuters Daily Index for Kaffirs was 85.7 against 83.4 last week, and for industrials 150.8 against 149.2.

NEW YORK. — The week on Wall Street was irregular, with markets losing some ground, especially in rails. Towards the end of the week, however, with the turnover reaching 2.5m. shares, good progress set in and previous losses were for 30 industrials was 282.43, equalised. Dow Jones Averages, after having touched 278.30 on December 29, against last week's 279.84, and for 20 rails, 94.38 against 94.97.

GOLD. — Further shipments of Russian gold were reported in London, consigned by the Moscow Narodni Bank to the Bank of England. On the European markets, prices remained $35.05 and $35.25.

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THE LIVING CORPSE
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FIRST PROGRAMME

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.15 and 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m., 1.25 and 6.30 p.m. Turkish: 11.30 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercise. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.10 Morning Melodies (R). 8.30 Close Down. 12.00 N. "Music at Noon" (R). 12.30 Housewives' Corner. 12.50 Requests (R). 1.45 Break for Music (R). 3.00 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Siesta (R). 5.00 Tea Time Music (R). 5.45 Children's Hour. 7.00 Kol Yisrael Orchestra: Hanan Schlesinger, Soloist: Paul Blasberger; Works by Smyth & d'Albert. 7.50 Talk. 7.40 Interlude. 7.45 "What's New in Science." 8.00 "Walls of Work." 8.34 Bible Reading. 8.40 Israel Philharmonic Orchestra: Conductor: George Singer, Soloist: Shura Cherkassky: Overture "Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage" (Mendelssohn); Paino Concerto No.2 (Prokofieff). 9.30 Works by Bach (R). 10.00 Songs (R). 10.30 variety. 11.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME (468, 229, 216, 48.9 M.)

English News: 1.45 p.m.; 10.15 p.m.

4.00 p.m. Music for Sunday (R). 4.40 Chess. 5.00 Programme for Yemenites. 5.30 Story. 5.35 Israel Composers. 5.45 Talmud Lesson. 6.15 Close Down.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR (32.1, 49.9 & 468 M.): French 6.30 p.m. Ladino: 7.00 p.m. Yiddish: 7.30 p.m.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (32.9 M.): 11.15 News. 11.20 Personal Column. 11.30 George Eliot & Daniel Deronda.

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 216, 226 & 229 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Songs. 6.55 Entrance Ticket. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.45 Sports. 8.00 I. A. F. Band. 8.30 News. 8.45 Evening Tunes. 9.25 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS: (19.82 & 16.77 M.): 6.30-7.00 p.m. News, News Talk, Echoes from the World.

JERUSALEM CINEMAS

ARNON: Red Mountain.
EDEN: Scaramouche. 2nd week. Also at 10.30 a.m.
EDISON: Night Beauties.
OR-GIL: She's Back on Broadway. 2nd week.
ORION: The Prowler.
ORNA: Last of the Comanches.
STUDIO: La Ronde. 1st week.
ZION: The Greatest Show on Earth 2, 5, 8.30 p.m.

Today's Post Bag

THE WEATHER

	A	B	C	D
Mt. Carmel	50	4	8	6
Tiberias	—	—	—	—
Haifa Port	41	11	17	15
Natanya	52	10	16	15
Tel Aviv Port	62	11	16	15
Lydda Airport	42	7	15	13
Jerusalem	47	4	10	9
Beersheba	51	2	14	14
Eilat	60	8	18	18

FORECAST: Showers in the North and Centre. Partly cloudy in the South. Fresh westerly winds. Improvement later in the day.

*A) Humidity at 2 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday D) Maximum temp. expected today

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HEAVY THUNDERSTORMS, alternating with sandstorms hit Eilat on Thursday night, caus ... some damage to wooden and corrugated iron huts.

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AN ORDER FOR ABOUT $100,0 worth of plywood recently was placed with the Ta'al factory, at Kvutzat Mishmarot in the Northern Sharon, by British importers. The factory plans to export about $1m worth of plywood in 1954.

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FOR TAKING PART in an illegal demonstration against the violation of the Sabbath and for hitting a policeman and tearing his shirt, a boy of 15 was sentenced to one month in prison by Judge D. Reifin, in the Jerusalem Juvenile Court la... Thu...

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Upsets in Soccer First Division

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Three games were played today in the First Division of the Soccer League. Last-placed Tel Aviv Betar, in a tenacious game, beat seventh-placed Ramat Gan Hapoel 3:1 (1:1) here. Another surprise was Tel Aviv Hapoel's 2:0 (0:0) victory over Petah Tikva Hapoel at the Jaffa Hapoel stadium. Tel Aviv Hapoel scored both goals in the last five minutes of play. Haifa Hapoel blanked Kfar Saba Hapoel 3:0 in Haifa.

Results of today's Second Division games were:

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Tel Aviv Hapoel—Hapoel Hapoel 1:0, Ashdod Maccabi—Hakoah Yehuda Maccabi 4:1, Rehovot Hapoel—Rishon Le-Zion Hapoel 3:1, Jerusalem Betar—Mishmar Hashiva Hapoel 6:0, Tel Aviv B'nei Yehuda—Ramat Gan Maccabi 1:1, Be'ersheva Hapoel — Jerusalem Maccabi 1:4.

NORTHERN DISTRICT

Hadera Hapoel—Netanya Hapoel 6:1, Haifa Christian Brotherhood—Hadera Maccabi 1:1, Haifa Hakoach—Haifa B'nei Yehuda 5:1.

FRIENDLY GAMES

Netanya Maccabi — Petah Tikva Maccabi 1:1, Haifa Selected Youth—Hadera Selected Youth 1:2.

Joseph Meltzer Dies

Joseph Meltzer died in Haifa on Thursday at the age of 90. Born in Kolomiya, Galicia, the deceased was among the first members of the Hovevei Zion movement. In 1892 he went to London, and came to this country in 1902, settling in Jerusalem. He was the father of Mr. Julian Meltzer, of Talpiot, Jerusalem.

Professor Is First

LYDDA AIRPORT, Saturday (ITIM). — The first tourists to arrive in 1954 were Professor I. Volaj, of Cordova, Argentina and his wife, who arrived by El Al early yesterday morning. They were greeted by a special reception committee of the Israel Tourist Centre. Mrs. Volaj was presented with a bouquet.

Professor Volaj lectures at Cordova University on hygiene and social medicine and is the author of a number of works and articles on lung diseases, his special subject.

Other arrivals by El Al yesterday included Sir William Holford, Professor of Town Planning at London University, who has come at the invitation of the Technion in Haifa to advise on the planning of the Technion complex on Mount Carmel.

Miss Rachel Zabari, M.K., returned from a journey to Europe and Mr. Moshe Hess, Second Secretary at the Israel Legation in Berne, returned yesterday for a short visit.

Mr. S. Blass, Director-General of Tahal, Israel Water Planning Corporation, returned from New York, where he had acted as adviser to the Israel Legation to the U.N. during the Security Council discussions on the Jordan River hydroelectric scheme.

President Plants Tree In Kaplan Wood

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The first saplings in the Eliezer Kaplan Wood were planted on Friday in an area once famous for its forests. "And the prophet Gad said unto David: 'Abide not in the stronghold; depart and get thee to the land of Judah.' Then David departed, and came into the forest of Hereth." Not far from the historical Hereth, 100,000 trees will be planted by the Jewish National Fund from contributions by the Hadassah members in America in memory of Israel's first Finance Minister.

Near the site of the planned Medical Centre and next to the new road to Deir en Sheikh, the President planted the first tree, while residents from Even Sapir settlement looked on.

Greetings were brought in the name of the Government by Mr. Levi Eshkol, Minister of Finance, and from the Zionist Organization by Mr. Berl Locker. The President of Hadassah, Mrs. R. Shulman, spoke warmly of Eliezer Kaplan's understanding, wisdom and friendship. Dr. A. Granott, Chairman of the JNF Board of Directors, handed over to Mrs. Kaplan and Mrs. Shulman the scrolls of dedication.

Cartel Committee Hears Press Views

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The special committee set up by the Economic Minister's Committee to ... r information on cartels and monopolies in industry and commerce met yesterday with the economic editors of the local Press to hear their opinions on this issue which was debated in the Knesset last week.

New Year in Jail

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The first arrests of the year were those of two young men, Yosef Zubri and Pinhas Bashbashani, detained by the police allegedly while trying to break into an apartment in Rehov Hermon a few minutes after midnight on Thursday night.

The year 1953 brought a record number of 1,537 remands in the Haifa Magistrate's Court, 312 more than in 1952.

The first remand to be issued was against a 17-year-old youth caught in the lower town, Haifa, while ... ing to pick a Parker "51" pen from a man's pocket.

Kibbutzim Eating Better

Bread and flour consumption per head in the communal settlements is now only half what it was before World War II, but consumption of fish and meat has increased considerably, it is revealed in figures published by the Agricultural Auditing Union.

There was also a rise in the consumption of milk, dairy products, vegetables and fruit. The average intake of animal protein in the settlements is much above the country's general average, but no marked difference is to be found in calorific use per person.

Of the food budget of the settlements in 1951 only one half was spent on outside purchases. The proportion is expected to have changed with increased prices of imported flour, sugar, oil and other foods.

Peace League Hopes For Border Talks

TEL AVIV, Saturday (ITIM).—The World Peace Movement is satisfied with the progress it has made, Mr. Meir Yaari, M.K., said last night at a meeting of the Israel Peace League held in the Mograbi Cinema Hall to report on the recent World Peace Movement conference in Vienna.

Israel, he stated, wants peace with the Arabs. Other speakers also emphasized this point, expressing their hope for border meetings with Arab countries to discuss terms.

Mr. E. Habibi, M.K., said that a Jordan delegate in Vienna had told him that anti-Israel feelings in his country are instigated from the outside.

Present at the meeting were Mr. G. Bogdanov, the Bulgarian Minister, Messrs. G. Fomin and W. Petrow, Counsellor and Consul General to the Soviet Legation and representatives of the Rumanian, Czechoslovak and Hungarian Legations.

Jordanians Absent

RAMLA, Saturday (ITIM). — The weekly meeting of Local Commanders, due to have been held near Budrus village on Thursday, was postponed owing to the non-attendance of the Jordan members.

The demarcation of the frontier between Budrus and Rantis, where a soldier was killed last week during the marking operations, continues without incident.

Claim Expulsion

In a telegram to *The Jerusalem Post* last night, Arab villagers from Safuria, near Nazareth, claim that they have been unlawfully deprived of their land, their only source of livelihood, by "an Arab-Jewish gang on the order of the Military Governor of Galilee."

Flying Club Opens Haifa Air Base

HAIFA, Saturday. — The Israel Flying Club opened an air base for its members at the Haifa civil airport yesterday.

Mayor Abba Khoushy announced that the Municipality would open a new aviation trade school in Haifa. Mr. A. Pincus, of El Al, said that more trained men are needed for his company's technical staff. Aluf-Mishne Ezer Weizmann, represented the Air Force.

The Club's base was opened with an air show in which two Air Force jets demonstrated acrobatics, an Air Force Dakota took 60 spectators on free flights over Haifa, and a Club member flew a glider.

RIDDLE OF TELLS

The end of "Riddle of the Jerusalem Tells" in Friday's supplement was regrettably garbled and should have read:

Surely these tumuli could not be the only ones left and if so, why not in places other than in the neighbourhood of Jerusalem? Tumuli No. 3 and 4 are on top of a plateau and justify the characterization of high places, but No. 5 is in small valley.

True, Ezekiel in Chapter VI, verses 3-4 says "concerning the mountains and concerning the hills, concerning the ravines and concerning the valleys, behold I, even I, will bring a sword upon you, and I will destroy your high places."

Thus, there must have been high places in the ravines, too. Still, why should this one be preserved? Another serious problem: why were these bones covered so diligently by huge stone heaps? Was it meant to destroy and obliterate the bones or to preserve them?

POTTERY FINDS

The pottery found in the three mounds so far excavated belongs to the seventh century B.C. The reign of Manasseh who "did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord ... for he built again the high places which Hezekiah, his father had destroyed ... and he built altars for all the host of heaven..." But the seventh century also saw the reign of Josiah and his religious reforms. "He did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord ... and he put down the idolatrous priests, whom the Kings of Judah had ordained to offer in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem ... and (he) defiled the high places where the priests had made offerings from Geba to Beersheba ... and the high places that were before Jerusalem, which were on the right hand of the Mount of Corruption ... did the King defile" (II Kings, chapter 23, vv. 4 ff.)

Josiah's reign was a reign of puritanism, and it is likely that our tumuli belong to that age, but not until many more excavations are undertaken and more information in the form of written documents (like the Lachish letters) are available can a definitive theory be accepted.

TRIPLETS IN REHOVOT

REHOVOT, Saturday.—Triplets, two boys and a girl, were born to Mrs. Georgina Ambar, 33, of Nahlat Yehuda earlier, in the maternity hospital here today. The boys weigh 2.45 and 2.65 kilograms and the girl 2.1 kilograms. The mother and children are reported to be well. This was Mrs. Ambar's ninth confinement. She also has twins.

Prison for Marrying Girl of 16

TEL AVIV, Saturday (ITIM). —A sentence of three months in prison was imposed by the District Court here yesterday on a 17-year-old youth from Migdal Ascalon for marrying a girl who had not yet reached the legal marriage age of 16.

Judge I. Gavison also bound over the accused in IL.300 bond to be of good behaviour for the next two years.

The youth's father asked the judge to impose a light sentence, as the marriage had taken placed according to an agreement between him and the bride's parents when she was born. The judge commented that this imported custom should be abandoned.

Public Dog Killing In Ramat Hasharon

Angry parents and dog-owners demonstrated at the Ramat Hasharon Local Council on Friday against what they termed the brutal public shooting of a score of dogs by the local watchman, *The Jerusalem Post* is informed.

The demonstration took place after the watchman allegedly had paraded the main road of the village and sat in ambush with a rifle in the local restaurant to shoot all passing dogs not on a leash. Mothers were faced with tearful children who, on coming home from school had seen their pets lying dead on the roadside.

Among the dogs killed was Doobie, a Canaan dog, famous in Ramat Hasharon, known to the children as the Great Caliph and the "Dog that Understands English." It had been given to its owner by the writer, Mr. Paul Gallico.

A deputation was received by the local council secretary, Mr. M. Bialik, who reportedly told them that the Government had ordered the killing on sight of all dogs not on a leash or found outside their owners' property.

'Mizan Led Me To Murder Scene'

TEL AVIV, Saturday (ITIM). — Police Officer A. Hofstéter testified in the Magistrate's Court here yesterday that Victor Mizan, who is charged with the rape and murder of five-year-old Rachel Levin, led him and two psychiatrists directly to the spot where the child's body had been found. He also claimed that Mizan identified as his own the spanner with which the murder allegedly was committed.

The site and spanner identification took place last April 16, when he met Mizan, together with Talbieh Mental Hospital psychiatrists Dr. Winik and Dr. Hasia, at the Attorney General's request, Hofsteter said. This was after Mizan verbally had confessed to the crime while in the hospital.

The police themselves have not questioned Mizan, it was established under cross-examination by Mr. E. Bar Lev, who is defending Mizan.

Religious Fervour

HAIFA, Saturday. — The police were called to the Bucharian Synagogue in Rehov Jaffa here this morning to stop a brawl between worshippers. One man was wounded and given first aid. Four men were arrested and released on bond.

The fight arose over who should lead the congregation in prayer.

Neglect of Shipping Alleged by Wydra

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Saturday. — "While agricultural settlement has received 50% of the Government's development budget, and 30% of the Jewish Agency budget since 1948, the Government has allocated to 'Aviation and Shipping' during the past five years a ... 25%, mostly for aviation, and in the Jewish Agency budget the item 'Shipping' has not occupied for years." Dr. F. Wydra, Zim Director, told the Haifa Maritime and Economic Club yesterday.

The attitude of the authorities towards shipping resembles that of the Mandatory Government towards Jewish agriculture: it is lavish in expressions of good will and stinting in actual support, he said.

There exist compelling arguments for a higher priority for shipping both on political and economic grounds, Dr. Wydra maintained. Remaining strong and self-reliant amid the neighbouring countries, and maintaining an adequate standard of living, called for the expansion of the merchant marine. The lack of it and of a firm hold on the coast were the causes of the weakness and the eventual defeat of the ancient Jewish State, he believed.

The place of shipping in the scale of economic priorities should be reassessed, he urged. The allocation of 10% of Reparation funds earmarked for development merely were to replace old ships, not for expansion, he said.

Tramp Trade Hit

The present crisis in shipping mainly had hit the tramp and tanker trade, but not the passenger trade. Zim ships had carried more tramp cargo in 1953 than in 1952, thus effecting the decline in freight rates. Israel as yet has no tankers and was not affected by the one third drop of income in 1953 in this branch.

Passenger traffic was prosperous, and rates have remained fairly steady since 1947, he added. Zim derived a fifth of its income from passenger ships, having carried 26,000 persons in 1952, and 31,000 last year.

Zim's share in cargo transport rose from 24% in 1952 to 26% in 1953, Dr. Wydra reported. Israel's merchant marine, which has increased its share in international traffic, today employs 1,300 seamen. About 1,800 more were knocking daily at the door of the Labour Exchange, without hope of finding jobs for lack of ships.

FRENCH CULTURAL CENTRE FOR T.A.

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The inaugural meeting of the Cultural Centre established by the French Embassy here will be held at the Embassy building, 70 Rehov Hayarkon, at 8.30 on Tuesday evening, in the presence of the Ambassador, M. Pierre ... Gilbert.

Mlle. Eliane Fischer, Cultural Attache at the Embassy, will describe the Centre's programme of activities and M. Albert Stara will speak on "French, a Living Language."

The Centre is to hold a series of courses on French literature, language and civilization, under the direction of M. Stara. There will be three grades, for beginners, intermediate and advanced students.

The Israel-France Friendship League is holding a "Berlioz Evening" at the Education Centre, 6, Rehov Reines, at 8.30 on Monday evening, on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the composer's birth. M. Yariv Ezrachi and M. Marcel Henry will lecture on Berlioz, and Jean-Louis Barault's film, "La Symphonie Fantastique," will be shown.

Malayan Ape-Men Seen Again

KUALA LUMPUR, Saturday (Reuter). — Malaya's mysterious apemen — two males, and a female — appeared again yesterday 18 kms. south of Teluk Pesak, where they were first seen.

The creatures seriously were observed on the fringe of Malaya's biggest jungle reserve, when they scared tappers on Christmas Day. Now, another tapper has reported seeing them in a plantation at dawn.

Police security forces in the district are looking for the creatures, which are unknown to anthropologists here.

EISENHOWER WILL STAND BY ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Saturday (ITIM). — President Eisenhower will defend Israel and do everything he can to ensure her continued development, despite the pro-Arab line of the State Department, Dr. Israel Goldstein, President of the American Jewish Congress and Chairman of the World Confederation of General Zionists, said here yesterday. He was addressing the weekly luncheon of the Commercial and Industrial Club.

The State Department had always been pro-Arab, basing its policy on three factors: the size of the Arab population, their extensive territory, and oil resources, and did not want to learn the lesson of the past which taught that it was impossible to rely too much on the unstable Arab States.

American policy on Israel however, was also defined by the President, Dr. Goldstein said, and Mr. Eisenhower had his ear tuned to Congress, which in turn, is influenced by public opinion, in general, pro-Israel.

Levanon Asks Staff To Cut Expenditure

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Mayor Haim Levanon has instructed the heads of Municipal Departments to reduce next year's budget by 20 % of this year's expenditure. He has acted on the assumption that Municipal rates had reached their peak.

The Opposition has opposed a cut in the budget.

Mr. M. Goldstein (Progressive) told *The Jerusalem Post* tonight that he would submit his Party's alternative budget, which envisages the Municipality increasing its revenue by entering business and by cutting down expenses through utilizing voluntary workers for example, in the cleaning of the city.

The "Adloyada" Purim carnival will not be held this year as had been contemplated, since the Municipality thinks the expense unjustified in the present situation, it was learned today.

THE ORTHODOX PARTIES on the Tel Aviv Municipal Council have resolved to table a by-law forbidding the sale of pork in the city.

US Students Dance in Kremlin

MOSCOW, Saturday (Reuter). — Seven editors of American college papers danced in the former Tsars' ballroom in the Kremlin at the fancy dress ball held for more than 2,500 young people last night.

The Americans, who mingled with the Russians and were photographed by Soviet newsreel cameramen arm in arm with Russian students, said: "Everyone was very friendly to us."

The merrymakers, many in national costumes, danced around a huge fir tree in the middle of the hall, and later watched a cabaret.

Mr. Ilya Ehrenburg, the Russian author and journalist, wrote in today's "Moscow News": "It seems that the end of the cold war is near."

In an article headed "To Americans who can think," he said: "I am convinced that you are tired of the cold war. I am tired, too, and so are all my compatriots.

"The French and British and hundreds of millions of people in the five continents of the world are sick and tired of it."

Referring to the Soviet proposal for a five power conference including Communist China, he asked: "How can one talk of a desire to put an end to the cold war and yet, at the same time, evade negotiations with a sufficiently large and powerful country?

"A war is not an act of God — it can be prevented. You can bring the end of the cold war. The New Year can be the year of the end of hatred and the disappearance of anxiety. It can be a year of great hope and happiness for all decent people."

DAVIS' REMAINS IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Saturday (Reuter). — The body of Mr. Monnett Davis, U.S. Ambassador to Israel who died in Tel Aviv on December 25, arrived here today.

The flag-draped coffin was carried from the plane by an honour guard, and it will be taken to Arlington, Virginia, for the funeral on January 5.

COLONIAL TRUST

The Presidium of the Zionist General Council last Thursday appointed 13 members to the Council of the Colonial Trust Company. They included Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Dr. Israel Goldstein, Mr. Louis Segal and Dr. Emmanuel Neumann.

Trotsky's Assassin Said to Be Spaniard

OTTAWA, Saturday (Reuter). — The assassin of Leon Trotsky, exiled Russian Communist leader, finally has been identified as a Spaniard named Ramon Mercardor del Rio, according to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

The man, known as Jacques Gornard, but carrying a Canadian passport in the name of Frank Jackson, refused to reveal his identity after murdering Trotsky with an axe in Mexico City in August 1940.

In an article in the RCMP Quarterly, William Rodney says that Del Rio was identified by Dr. Alfonso Quiroz, chief of investigations for the Bank of Mexico, through fingerprints found in Barcelona, Spain.

In 1943, Del Rio was jailed for 20 years, the maximum penalty for murder in Mexico.

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Personal Notices

The Brith Milah
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will take place
on Wednesday, January 6, 11 a.m. at the Shaare Zedek Hospital, Jerusalem.
This is the only intimation.

IN MEMORY OF
Rivka Jakoba Goldberg (nee Feinstein)
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THE question of the status of the senior civil servants once again has been brought prominently into public discussion by the threat of another protest strike which is planned to begin tomorrow.

UNDIGNIFIED SITUATION

It is altogether deplorable that those men who are primarily responsible for carrying on the administration of the State at its highest level should feel themselves obliged to take such action. For some time now, this particular body of civil servants has been demanding that the Government take due cognizance of the drastic changes which have occurred in the salary scales in the Government service as a result of the system of fixing basic salaries and tying them up to the cost-of-living allowances. The net result has been that a head of a department today may find himself taking home very little more in pay than the most junior clerk in his Ministry. Thus, while in some countries the ratio between a junior employee in a Ministry and a head of a department may be in the ratio of as much as 1:50, in Israel the ratio is set at 1:1.5.

The outcome is, that men of the utmost value to the State aver that they are finding it quite impossible to maintain a decent standard of living, and are being forced in many instances to forsake the service of the State to enter private industry where the financial rewards are more commensurate with their abilities. There is no doubt that the senior civil servants have not been driven to the extreme course they are threatening merely by material considerations alone. Had this been the case, most of them long since would have given up the struggle of trying to make ends meet while carrying heavy burdens of responsibility. The question here is one of deep principle, which goes to the very roots of the moral basis of service of the State.

It is felt that the threat to strike is not one which has been uttered with any willingness by the civil servants. That they have been led to it is merely a symptom of the fact that the denial of what they consider to be their just desserts has compelled them to seek a remedy which can only be described as one of distraction rather than of wisdom, it being beyond doubt that it is quite untenable for the permanent heads of Ministries to strike against the Government, seeing that, in effect, they are very largely the Government itself.

The awareness of this fact is very much in the minds of the senior civil servants who, it is understood, have no intention of walking out of their offices on Monday and Tuesday without leaving a skeleton organization to deal with vital matters of state. It is only to be hoped that a similar sense of compromise will be shown by the Cabinet in its deliberations today, and that it will tackle this thorny question positively and produce some practical indication which will enable both sides to retreat with dignity from what citizens of the country can only look upon as an intolerable and undignified situation.

Riches and Races in Uganda

By HUGH LATIMER

THE British East African Protectorate of Uganda is an exception among colonial territories. There, the African is the landlord and the European the tenant, for no non-African is allowed to own land, unless his ancestors bought it before the Buganda Treaty of 1900.

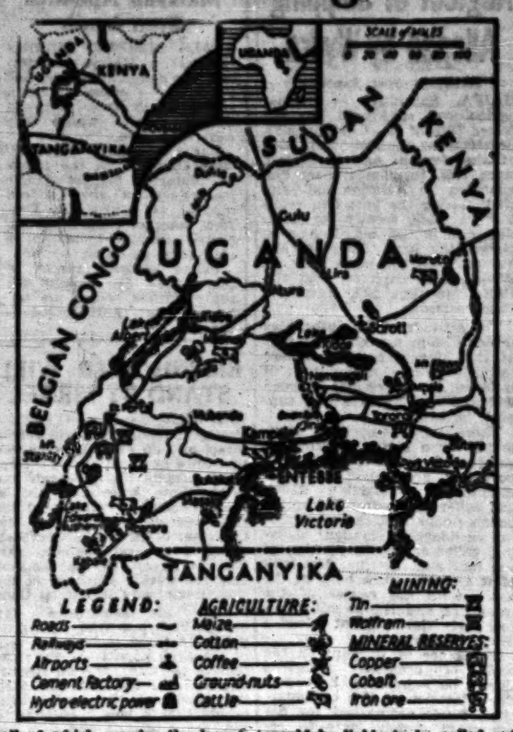
In Uganda, one can farm wretchedly and still make a fortune, so rich is the soil and so great the world demand for coffee; some African coffee-farmers are making £10,000 a year and pay no income tax. But cotton is the great Uganda crop; £30m. worth was exported last year. This year, though the world price of cotton has fallen, the price obtained by the African grower is the highest ever received.

In Uganda it is the British Governor, Sir Andrew Cohen, who is pushing ahead to self-government, while Africans, on the whole, are suspicious and conservative, distrusting the legislative council on which Sir Andrew has arranged this year for them to have the majority of the seats. It is still uncertain just what motives led the African king, Mutesa II, Kabaka of Buganda, to defy the Governor and lose his throne this month; but it is believed that Mutesa was afraid of being left out in the race for power unless he staked his claim early. The deposition, as yet, has caused no trouble locally. The Africans in Buganda are too rich to revolt.

During the House of Commons debate in London that followed the Kabaka's deposition, an important statement was made by the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Oliver Lyttelton. "Her Majesty's Governement," he said, "view the future of Uganda as primarily an African state, with safeguards for minorities."

There are 5,600 Europeans and 48,000 Asians in Uganda. If it had been the other way round, say the cynics, Uganda would have been scheduled for development as a "partnership" like the other East and Central African territories under British rule. The idea of a partnership is that Europeans and Asians shall have as much right to take part in government as the native Africans. It is a fine ideal, notwithstanding the disparity of numebrs, because it recognises the justifiable fears of the minorities. Unfortunately, nowhere has it as yet been proved workable in practice.

At all events Mr. Lyttelton's statement has put Uganda outside the partnership experiments. African intellectuals in Uganda have now begun to consider what attitude they should adopt to the minorities. Their attitude will be important to businessmen, for Uganda is really a rich country. Its valuable copper resources are soon to be mined for the first time, and there are plans for an iron and steel industry and a cotton mill, all of which require the investment of foreign capital. The £12m. scheme to dam the Nile at Owen Falls (which will be formally opened by Queen Elizabeth in April), will provide Uganda with more than enough electric power for industrial expansion.



Attitude to 'Foreigners'

One African attitude to foreigners, and it seems a fairly popular one, is that of Mr. Joseph Kiwanuka, leading member of the Uganda National Congress, an African political body, and editor of the newspaper, "Uganda Express." In a leading article last week he described "non-African" as "guests of the country." In an interview later, Mr. Kiwanuka explained that guests could be turned out if they "misbehaved."

Leading Asians, interviewed on this subject, commented caustically on Mr. Kiwanuka's views. "We are born in this country and we have no other," they added.

A more startling opinion but really a more traditional one, was expressed by another editor, Mr. E.M.K. Mulira, one of the Kabaka's supporters, in his weekly newspaper, "Uganda Empya." It is that Europeans and Asians should be permitted to stay if they become Africans. In Buganda (the central province) this means that they would be liable to be called out to mend the roads. It also means that they could only approach the Kabaka by crawling along the floor.

Na European or Indian commented on that article, no doubt because they had not read it, since "Empya" is written in Luganda, the language of Buganda. It is not due to a colour bar, for such a thing hardly exists, and African wealth is a great leveller. Nor is there among the Uganda Africans any of that inferiority complex which seems to inflict the West Africans who are also advancing toward self-government. The East Africans are a much more politer people, and not ashamed of their own culture.

But the three races in Uganda seem to stand apart. One could find no Asian who seemed to know anything about the Africans, and no Europeans who had a good word to say for the Asians. The Asians think, with some justification, that the Government is setting the Africans against them. The Europeans, mostly civil servants, meet leading Africans in the course of their duty, but rarely afterwards. Service without a smile seems to be the characteristic of British rule in Uganda, a cold approach for which the African is unlikely to feel grateful.

O.F.N.S.

The Week in the Knesset

Cartels Debate Along Familiar Lines

By GERDA LUFT

LAST week's agenda was determined partly by the calendar. As the old year ends, the Government must make sure that regulations expiring on December 31, 1953, are renewed. Hence the discussion of the extension of the Bank Leumi charter and several other items on the agenda. That the Knesset also found time for a lengthy debate on cartels was due, in part, to the deadlock in the Coalition talks. The House is in a similar position. Major decisions cannot be taken as long as no new Cabinet is formed and work therefore proceeds at a leisurely pace.

Those who expressed disappointment at the direction taken by the debate on cartels, probably did not realise that it is impossible to deal with this intricate problem without connecting it with the general structure of the economy. The fight against cartels is characteristic of a capitalist regime which believes in free competition as the best framework for efficient production and low prices for the consumer. But in one sense those who fight cartels are behind the times, for, in the strict sense of the term, there are no free economies left in the world. The welfare state, in its various forms, cares for the needy and works for a redistribution of income; government spending plays an ever-increasing role not only in planned economies, but also in the United States with its huge armaments budget and financial help abroad.

Israel's position cannot be compared with that of any other country. Government and official expenditure plays an overwhelming role in fashioning the economic structure. The large concerns are found not only in the "capitalist" sector but also within the framework of the collective sector or Government-sponsored undertakings. What is more, the next few years probably will further strengthen this trend. In western capitalist countries the fight against trusts and cartels is a struggle against the giant capitalist who exploits the public by his stranglehold on a large part of the means of production, beginning, if possible, with raw materials and ending with the distribution of the finished product. Several countries, with the U.S. in the lead have tried to tackle the problem by enacting laws which make the establishment of cartels a punishable offence. Opinions on the effectiveness of this law are divided. Many people believe that the existence of cartels is not only difficult to prove but also that those who wield immense economic power in most cases also command the necessary political influence to circumvent the law.

The Knesset debate made it quite plain that different persons —and different parties — mean different things when they talk about cartels. Members of Herut are not interested in whether some small industrialists make an agreement to market their products at a certain price. They are interested in breaking up the big organizations created with the help of the Histadrut. Labour's supporters, on the other hand, point to the importance of cooperation in Israel's economy and insist that agriculture should be exempted from every law against cartelization. Moreover, monopolies are a feature of our economy not because the big capitalists join hands but because of the influence of controls on the last few years' developments; the very size of the country in many cases does not allow the existence of two similar enterprises. The immense influence of Government offices on economic development and activity gives the problem a unique twist not found in a "capitalist" economy.

The Knesset debate touched on these very complicated problems only superficially. To a large extent it moved along the familiar lines between the private sector on the one hand and the collective sector on the other. When the debate concluded with a demand for a Bill outlawing cartels within three months the issue was not much clearer than at the beginning.

The Minister of Commerce and Industry opened the discussion by announcing that the Government had not made up its mind on the problem and wanted guidance from the House on how to tackle it. This is an unusual procedure. Normally, the Government decides on an issue, drafts a Bill to implement its measures and appears before the House with at least a general idea of the line to follow. It is doubtful whether the decision to frame a law against cartels will provide the Government with a clear line of policy. The struggle will begin when the meaning of "cartel" (in our specific circumstances) is legally defined. Not only will the fight between the Right and the Left begin with the working out of this definition, but there are M.K.s among the Progressives and the General Zionists who are not convinced that cartels *per se* are a bad thing. At least two representatives of these two parties pointed out in the debate that some form of cartel, i.e. agreements between producers, might benefit the public if production is made more efficient through the pooling of resources.

The Commission to work out details of the Bill will need comprehensive material and statistics and will have to take into account not only agreements between enterprises but also the peculiar structure of our economy. It is doubtful if the three months allotted by the Knesset for this prodigious task will suffice.

Readers' Letters

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The cut in the number of hours of instruction in elementary schools is deplorable. Even assuming that a cut in the education budget was unavoidable, which is debatable, it could have been better applied.

The number of hours of instruction in the eight years of schooling has been reduced by one-sixth, i.e. the children receive only six and two-thirds years of schooling but will take eight years to get through it. The result obviously will be that

1) the entrance level of the secondary schools will have to be lowered accordingly, and

2) either the duration of secondary schooling extended so that students finishing school are ready for entrance in institutions of higher learning or the entrance level of these institutions lowered, which would put them at a disadvantage compared with similar institutions abroad.

A sensible solution to the budget reduction problem would be to admit that the State of Israel can only afford to pay for six years of schooling. Parents wishing to give their children seven or eight years of schooling would pay for it themselves or, if they cannot afford it, apply for a State Bursary, granted for ability. This measure would be temporary and could be adjusted with improvements in the budget.

Yours, etc.,
L. HIRSCHBERG

Ramat Gan, December 13.

Ministry Replies

Education and schooling are not necessarily measured by the number of weekly instruction periods given in a classroom. Good schooling and education depend much more on qualified and efficient teachers, methods of teaching, suitable textbooks and proper school accommodation and equipment than on one or two weekly periods of instruction more or less.

Actually, the number of hours of instruction in the eight years of schooling has been reduced this year by one-sixteenth, not one-sixth as mentioned in the letter. Last school year the number of weekly periods in an eight-year-school averaged 224; this year it averages 210. We hope to raise it next year to 216, which seems to us to be educationally adequate and compares very favourably with schools abroad.

The additional three cuts in the number of weekly periods of instruction which were imposed earlier this year owing to purely budgetary reasons are gradually being restored and will not be repeated, we trust, in the future.

It is our fervent hope that the State will always be able to give its young citizens an equal opportunity for primary schooling regardless of the economic situation of their parents.

Yours, etc.,
M. AVIDOR
Associate Director
Ministry of Education

Jerusalem, December 28.

MISSIONARY ACTIVITY

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — May I draw your attention to a misrepresentation of the facts in your leader of December 15, headed "A Shameful Episode"? The impression is made that the demonstrators attacked freedom of worship, while in reality the attack was directed against missionary activity.

I certainly do not approve of stone-throwing against a mission but I wonder what would happen if a Protestant mission were set up in a purely Catholic district in any enlightened and tolerant country.

Yours, etc.,
J. TAS

Jerusalem, December 15.

MUSICAL DIARY

ALBERT Coates, who died recently, ranked Gershwin's Piano Concerto in F as the only representative of American music in his list of the 50 outstanding compositions of all time. It was simultaneously the Israel *première* and *pièce de resistance* of Kol Yisrael's Tuesday night concert conducted by Karel Salomon. The orchestra was augmented by the Police Band, and Andreja Preger was the guest soloist.

Technical skill throughout the performance was satisfactory. The first movement has the traditional sonata form with two clearly defined themes and an individual introductory theme of strikingly rhythmical pattern executed by kettledrums and cymbal. Mr. Preger opened with a harplike glissando and displayed in the slow movement a most subtle touch in harmonies that recall Debussy. In this movement, the second theme seems most memorable with its fascinating melody and spiritual atmosphere, while the rapture of the finale is Lisztian. The whole concerto is in Gershwin's unmistakably individual language. The soloist's approach was strictly personal, moulding the lines in a romantic manner, contrary to Oscar Levant's punch. His interpretation could hardly have been more poetic and inspired. Mr. Salomon's intricate work with the orchestra was truly a labour of love.

The bill opened with Paul Ben-Haim's familiar, somewhat heavy "Fanfare to Israel," and closed with rather a poor performance of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, presumably a "filler" — what a surfeit of Beethoven we are having this season!

Italian Pre-classics

HOW attractive pre-classical music can be if the programme is well chosen and vividly performed was demonstrated by a concert of old Italian chamber music by Kol Yisrael's "Collegium Musicum" quartet, presented by the Jerusalem branch of the Dante Alighieri Society at the Touring Club on Wednesday; the intimate atmosphere provided an ideal setting for such an occasion.

Peggy Hayman; Arieh Mirkin (violin); Jacob Menza (cello); Arieh Sachs (cembalo) were the remarkably well-rehearsed performers, appearing in the most varied instrumental combinations. Caldara's Sonata for two violins, cello and cembalo made a lively opening. Peggy Hayman's reading of Tercelli's violin Concerto in C Minor was beautiful in sound, with fine bowing. One of the most enjoyable items was Pugliotti's Variations on a popular Viennese tune (i.e. "Lyra"; and Polish, Hungarian, Hasechuk, Dances), subtly interpreted on the cembalo by Arieh Sachs. Tartini's beautiful Trio for two violins and cello closed the first part of the bill.

The second part began with Vivaldi's cello Sonata in C Minor, in Mr. Menza's virile reading, and closed with the same composer's sonata for two violins and basso continuo. Sandwiched between these two works were Sammartini's sonata for two violins and basso continuo and Boccherini's enchanting Trio for violin, viola and cello. (No less than 150 unpublished quintets by this prolific composer were discovered recently).

FRANGO

"Boheme" and "Fidelio"

TWO new opera companies are being formed and promoted by the Musical Department of the Z.O.A. House in Tel Aviv. The first group, managed by the singer Garay and under his musical direction, includes some new singers to date unknown in this country. The first performance will be held in the Z.O.A. Auditorium on January 30, consisting of arias and ensembles. The first *concertante* performance of an opera, with orchestra and choir will be "La Boheme," to be staged at the Z.O.A.'s open air auditorium.

Michael Taube, too, is forming an opera ensemble in collaboration with the Z.O.A. He plans a *concertante* performance of "Fidelio."

Yemenite Ballet

JEROME Robbins, the noted American choreographer and dancer who had visited Israel twice on the initiative of the American Fund for Israel Institutions to look into the possibilities of forming a representative Israel ballet and perhaps of bringing it before American audiences, recently has visited Israel for a third time. As earlier plans could not be carried out, he is now especially interested in Sara Levy's "Imbal" group of Yemenite dancers. The group attracted Robbins so much that on his initiative and with the help of the American Fund, the American dancer Anna Sokolov was also brought to Israel to examine the potentialities of "Imbal" but no decisions have yet been taken. Both artists have returned home.

MANDO

In Moscow

DMITRI Shostakovich admits that he likes some modern Western music and is a fan of the late George Gershwin.

The 47-year-old Stalin Prize Winner granted an interview last week following a performance of his tenth Symphony at the Moscow Conservatory. Seven American journalists were present at the interview and heard Shostakovich praise American composers.

"Aaron Copland is very interesting." Shostakovich said of the Brooklyn-born composer. "I particularly like his third Symphony. Gershwin is a very strong composer," he added. "I like his Rhapsody in Blue."

Shostakovich, along with Aram Khatchaturian and the late Sergei Prokofieff, was criticised shortly after the end of World War II for showing too much interest in Western bourgeois music.

He said that he is not too familiar with the works of Italian composer Gian-Carlo Menotti, but had heard one of his operas, "The Medium," on the radio and found it "interesting."

"Benjamin Britten is very talented," he continued. "His opera about the miners, "Peter Grimes," is very interesting."

Shostakovich revealed that he had received a number of requests to play his tenth Symphony abroad but did not know when or where it would be performed.

Industrial Building Drops, Wages Stable

By a Special Correspondent

Work was begun during the first three quarters of 1953 on 16,324 rooms in the cities as against 13,637 rooms in the same period in 1952; but only 11,517 rooms were completed as against 20,661 the previous year. Permits for new houses were issued at the same rate as in 1952.

The area of industrial buildings started in this period was only 45% of that in 1952, of commercial buildings and offices 85% and of hotels 80%. Permits for new industrial buildings were issued for only 24% of the area licensed during the first three quarters of 1952 and for commercial offices, 37%; an increase in permits for public buildings, however, was noted.

Index of year-days worked in the building trade stood in August at 61 (February 1952=100), but this did not affect the level of wages and the earnings of building workers. According to official figures these remained almost exactly as they were two years ago. It may be assumed that these figures reflect only union wages, not the "extras" which were prevalent during the building boom, and which have since disappeared.

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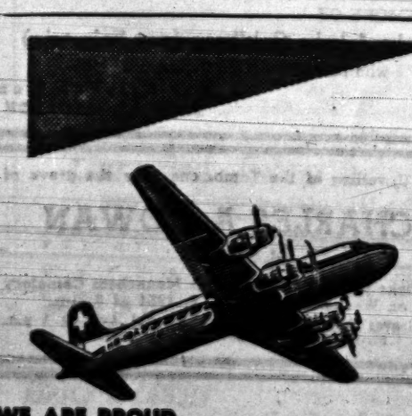

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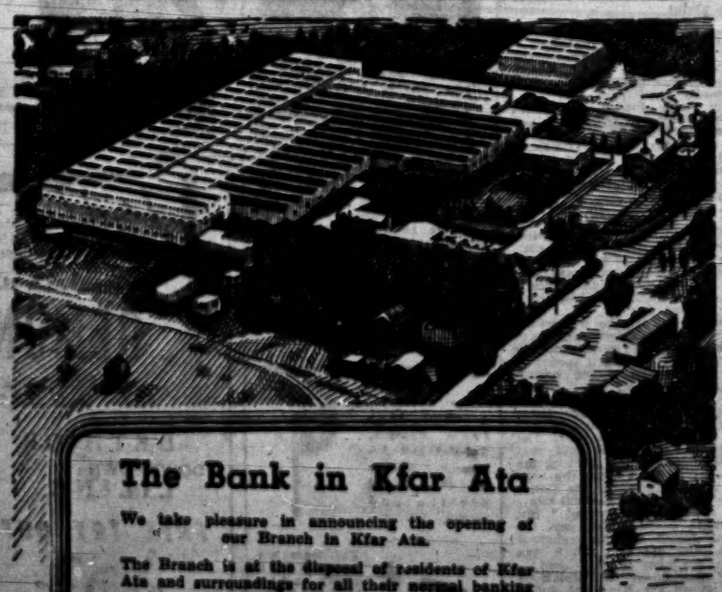

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